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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. At about 11 a.m. on 16 April, 9 tanks, 5 armored personnel carriers mounting artillery pieces and troops in 8 boxcars were loaded in Grosskuehnau. At about 4 p.m. on 16 April 1953, about 100 sidecar motorcycles, 5 armored scout cars, 4 armored personnel carriers mounting AA machine guns, 4 x 57-mm AT guns and 12 trucks were loaded onto an undetermined number of flatcars, and troops onto 23 boxcars, at the Grosskuehnau railroad station. Both trains were headed toward Zerbst-Magdeburg.¹

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2. On 19 April, trucks with billeting equipment kept arriving at the Fuchsberg Kaserne in Jueterbog, coming from the direction of Wittenberg.²

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3. On 17 April, the following loadings for shipment to Forst-Zinna were observed in Wittenberg:

At about 10 a.m. 11 JS-3 tanks 9 van-like trucks tank trucks and troops on 1 boxcar.

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At about 10:30 a.m. 8 JS-3 tanks 2 JS-tank hulls, 6 van-like truck

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At about 6 p.m. 12 SU-249 guns and 51, 3 SP guns which were of type SU-122 51 van-like trucks

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4. At about 11:30 a.m. on 16 April, 1 train of 10 boxcars, 6 flatcars with 12 trucks and 10 BA-64 armored scout cars entered the Wittenberg railroad station from a northerly direction. 4

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1. Comment. The entrainments are a continuation of entrainments of the 7th Gds Tank Div to Letzling Heata which had been covered from 7 to 15 April 1953. The report here fairly definitely indicates that Camp Grosskuehnau quarters the 4th Gds Rcn Bn of the division. So far, a tank regiment had been carried there.

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2. Comment. The trucks which according to the report entered the Fuchsberg Kaserne in Jueterbog on 19 April, loaded with billeting equipment, belong to the 6th Gds Tank Div from the Flak Kaserne or Tauentzien Kaserne in Wittenberg. Elements of the 148th Engr Bn (US) which is stationed in the eastern section of the Fuchsberg Kaserne together with units of the 14th Gds Mecz Div was dispatched toward a northwesterly direction on 13 April. It is therefore possible that components of the 6th Gds Tank Div were housed in the Fuchsberg Kaserne. The majority of the tanks of the 6th Gds Tank Div was loaded in Wittenberg between 15 and 19 April. Two tank battalions of the division were observed as they were unloaded in Forst Zinna on 18 April. This leads to the conclusion that the tank regiments again occupied Camp Werder-Markendorf.

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3. Comment. The report confirms the entrainment of the 78th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Tank Div from the Beseler Kaserne which was previously reported. The additional number of tanks loaded bring up the number of JS-3 tanks of the regiment from 29 to 36. Together with the 19 SU-249 guns observed, it is believed that the entire regiment was entrained.

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4. Comment. Probably a shipment of the 3d Gds Mirc1 Bn of the 7th Gds Tank Div from the Tauentzien Kaserne. The train is believed to have gone to Jueterbog.

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